mega policy, a lower qaulifying capacity has been provided for the States of J&K, Sikkim and the North-Eastern States at a minmum 350 MW for hydel power projects and 700 MW for thermal power projects as compared to a minimum of 500 MW for hydel power projects and 1000 MW for thermal power projects in the other parts of the country.

Requirement of coal and gas for thermal power plants

†247. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2985, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 2007 and state:

(a) the estimated quantity of coal and gas required per year for the thermal power stations proposed to be set up during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the arrangement proposed for its supply?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) During the terminal year of the Eleventh Plan (2011-12), the estimated quantity of coal and gas required for the thermal power stations (TPSs) now proposed to be set up during the Eleventh Plan would be as under:

i. Coal Requirement : 262 Million Tonne

ii. Average Gas Requirement : 20 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter per day

(b) Coal requirement of the thermal power stations proposed to be set up during the Eleventh Plan (except for Trombay TPS, Sikka TPS, Torangallu TPS and part requirement of Krishnapatnam TPS which are based on imported coal) would be met from Coal India Ltd., Singareni Coalfields Ltd. and captive mines of TPSs, Shortfall, if any, is proposed to be met through imported coal.

The requirement of gas for gas based power plants proposed to be set up during the Eleventh Plan is envisaged to be met through indigenous sources, such as ONGC, IOC, PMT, JV and import of LNG.

Improvement in power situation

†248. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the increasing power crisis in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been heavy decline in power production in majority of the States and their electricity boards are continuously reeling under loss;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central Government have also failed in generating optimum power; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by Government for improving the power situation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi